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ANNEX 15

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RESOLUTION[1]

on East Timor

The ACP-EU Joint Assembly,

- meeting in Dakar (Senegal) from 30 January to 3 February 1995,

A. having regard to the recent outbreaks of violence which occurred in Dili and Bacau on the occasion of the fifth round of negotiations between Portugal and Indonesia held under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General,

B. whereas the United Nations has never recognized Indonesia's sovereignty over East Timor,

C. whereas the Indonesian Government is continuing to ignore all calls by the international community concerning respect for human rights and for self-determination for East Timor,

D. noting with concern that Indonesia has recently strengthened its military presence in East Timor,

E. recalling its previous resolutions on East Timor,

1. Condemns the behaviour of the Indonesian Government, which is disregarding the calls for the freedom of the people of East Timor and continuing to act in defiance of the international condemnation directed against it;

2. Condemns the human rights violations perpetrated by the Indonesian regime against the population of East Timor, whose most basic rights, such as freedom of the press, freedom of assembly and freedom of association, have been flouted;

3. Calls on the Indonesian authorities to order the immediate release of the members of the Timor opposition, including Mr Gusmao;

4. Considers that negotiations under the aegis of the Secretary-General of the United Nations must continue, with the intention of associating the representatives of the people of Timor, but believes that there should be no limitation on the subjects on which they can express an opinion, particularly the political status of Timor;

5. Expresses its solidarity with the Bishop of Dili, D. Ximenes Belo, in his efforts on behalf of the Timorese people;

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[1] Adopted by the Joint Assembly ACP-EU on 2 February 1995 in Dakar (Senegal)

6. Also expresses its solidarity with the Maubere National Resistance Council;

7. Stresses the need for strict compliance with the arms embargo against Indonesia;

8. Instructs its Co-Presidents to forward this resolution to Xanana Gusmao, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the ACP-EU Council of Ministers, the Commission and the governments of the signatory states to the Lome Convention.